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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE  
ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATION OF SULFANILIC ACID FROM INDIA

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TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS  
DISTRICT DIRECTORS, AREA AND PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE  
ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATION OF SULFANILIC ACID FROM INDIA

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER  
ON DECEMBER 7, 1992, NOTICE OF ITS PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATION  
CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES DETERMINATION OF SULFANILIC ACID, FROM  
INDIA.

2. THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE ALL GRADES  
OF SULFANILIC ACID, WHICH INCLUDE TECHNICAL (OR CRUDE) SULFANILIC  
ACID, REFINED (OR PURIFIED) SULFANILIC ACID AND REFINED SODIUM  
SALT OF SULFANILIC ACID (SODIUM SULFANILATE).

SULFANILIC ACID IS A SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICAL PRODUCED FROM THE DIRECT SULFONATION OF ANILINE WITH SULFURIC ACID. SULFANILIC ACID IS USED AS A RAW MATERIAL IN THE PRODUCTION OF OPTICAL BRIGHTNERS, FOOD COLORS, SPECIALTY DYES, AND CONCRETE ADDITIVES. THE PRINCIPAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GRADES ARE THE UNDESIRABLE QUANTITIES OF RESIDUAL ANILINE AND ALKALI INSOLUBLE MATERIAL PRESENT IN THE SULFANILIC ACID. ALL GRADES ARE AVAILABLE AS DRY, FREE FOLLOWING POWDERS.

TECHNICAL SULFANILIC ACID, CLASSIFIABLE UNDER THE SUBHEADING 2921.42.24.20 OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE (HTS), CONTAINS 96 PERCENT MINIMUM SULFANILIC AID, 1.0 PERCENT MAXIMUM ANILINE AND 1.0 PERCENT MAXIMUM ALKALI INSOLUBLE MATERIALS. REFINED SULFANILIC ACID, CLASSIFIABLE UNDER THE HTS SUBHEADING 2921.42.24.20 CONTAINS 98 PERCENT MINIMUM SULFANILIC ACID, 0.5 PERCENT MAXIMUM ANILINE AND 0.25 PERCENT MAXIMUM ALKALI INSOLUBLE MATERIALS. REFINED SODIUM SALT OF SULFANILIC ACID (SODIUM SULFANILATE) CLASSIFIABLE UNDER THE HTS SUBHEADING 2921.42.70, IS A GRANULAR OR CRYSTALLINE MATERIAL CONTAINING 75 PERCENT MINIMUM EQUIVALENT SULFANILIC ACID, 0.5 PERCENT MAXIMUM ANILINE, AND 0.25 PERCENT MAXIMUM ALKALI INSOLUBLE MATERIALS BASED ON THE EQUIVALENT SULFANILIC ACID CONTENT.

THE HTS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES. OUR WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS DESPOSITIVE.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES, THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION NUMBER INDIA A-533-806.

4. THE DEPARTMENT HAS PRELIMINARILY DETERMINED THAT CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST WITH RESPECT TO EXPORTS OF SULFANILIC ACID FROM INDIA FOR THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES: BETA NAPTHOL (P) LTD, KANORIA CHEMICALS AND INDUSTRIES LTD., AND CHEMCO INTERNATIONAL. THEREFORE, FOR ALL EXPORTS OF SULFANILIC ACID FROM INDIA MADE BY THE ABOVE REFERENCED COMPANIES, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND

LIQUIDATION OF SUCH MERCHANDISE THAT IS ENTERED, OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER JULY 24, 1992 WHICH IS 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER, AND SHALL REQUIRE A CASH DEPOSIT OR POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE APPROPRIATE ESTIMATED PRELIMINARY, MARGIN PERCENTAGE LISTED BELOW.

MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER/ EXPORTER	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	WEIGHTED-AVERAGE MARGIN PERCENTGAGE
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INDIA

ALL MANUFACTURERS/PRODUCERS/

EXPORTERS	A-533-806-000	114.8%
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5. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, THEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION, OTHER AGENCY BRANCH, CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS BY E-MAIL ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT MARY JENKINS OF THE OFFICE OF ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TELEPHONE (202) 482-1756.

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\*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party